

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1425 – HB 1906

February 24, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to educate students on the history of traditional winter celebrations and to let students and staff offer traditional greetings. Authorizes LEAs to display scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter celebrations on school property, if the display includes more than one religion, or one religion and at least one secular scene or symbol. Prohibits displays from including a message that encourages adhering to a particular religious belief.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012794): Makes technical change to Section 1 of the bill and adds language stating that traditional greetings of winter celebrations include, but are not limited to, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy holidays.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any increase in local expenditures to display scenes or symbols will be permissive and are estimated to be not significant.
- No fiscal impact.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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